CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A compound of the Formula I

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Y is
$$C-X$$
, CO_2R' , CO_2R' , CO_2R' , CO_2R' , CO_2R'

each R' is independently hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

 R^1 and R^2 are independently hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl,

-(CH₂)_n-substituted aryl,

-(CH₂)_n-O-substituted aryl,

-(CH₂)_n-S-substituted aryl,

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-(CH₂)_n-S-substituted heteroaryl,

 $-(CH_2)_n$ -NR'-aryl,

-(CH₂)_n-NR'-substituted aryl,

-(CH₂)_n-NR'-heteroaryl,

-(CH₂)_n-NR'-substituted heteroaryl,

-(CH₂)_n-heteroaryl, or

-(CH₂)_n-substituted heteroaryl;

each n is independently 0 to 6;

R³ is hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

R⁴ is C₁-C₆ alkyl or hydrogen; and

X is hydrogen,

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$$\parallel$$
-(CH₂)_n-N-S-(CH₂)_n-aryl,
 \parallel
R'O

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$$\parallel$$
 -(CH₂)_n-N-S-(CH₂)_n-substituted aryl, \parallel R'O

$$-(CH_2)_n - N - \bigcup_{O}^{R'} \bigcup_{O}^{CH_2} CH_2$$

$$-(CH2)n-N-II O CH3
-(CH2)n
, CH3$$

$$-(\operatorname{CH}_2)_n - N - \operatorname{SI}_0 - (\operatorname{CH}_2)_n - N - \operatorname{II}_0 - (\operatorname{CH}_2)_n -$$

- $(CH_2)_n$ -S- $(CH_2)_n$ -aryl,

-(CH₂)_n-S-(CH₂)_n-substituted aryl,

$$-(CH_2)_{\overline{n}}O$$
 , or

$$-(CH_2)_n$$
 ;

and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

- A compound in accordance with Claim 1 wherein
 R' is hydrogen or methyl.
- 10 3. A compound in accordance with Claim 1 wherein each R' is hydrogen.
 - A compound in accordance with Claim 1 wherein
 R³ is hydrogen, and
 R⁴ is methyl, ethyl, or isopropyl.

5. A compound in accordance with Claim 1 wherein

 R^{l} is hydrogen or methyl; and

 R^2 is $-(CH_2)_n$ -phenyl,

hydrogen,

-(CH₂)_n-O-phenyl,

-OH,

-(CH₂)_n-benzimidazoyl,

- $(CH_2)_n$ -indolyl, or

-(CH₂)_n-phenol.

10 6. A compound in accordance with Claim 1 wherein

Y is
$$CO_2R'$$
.

7. A compound in accordance with Claim 1 wherein

Y is
$$C-X$$
 $C-X$
 CO_2R'

X is hydrogen,

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$$-CH_2$$
-NH-S- $CH_{\overline{2}}$,

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$$-\text{CH}_2\text{-NH-S-CH}_{\overline{2}} \xrightarrow{\text{CH}_3} \text{CH}_3$$

$$-CH_2-NH-S-CH_2$$

-CH₂-S-CH₂CH₂CH₂-phenyl,

$$-(CH_2)_{\overline{n}}O$$
 , or

$$-(CH_2)_n$$

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8. A compound of the Formula I:

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^1 & 0 & R^4 & R' \\
R^2 & 0 & 0 & N
\end{array}$$

wherein

Y is
$$C-X$$
 $C-X$
 CO_2R'

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$$C = N$$
 CO_2R' , or
 CO_2R'

each R' is independently hydrogen or methyl; each n is independently 1, 2 to 3;

R¹ and R² are independently hydrogen,

 $-(CH_2)_n$ -phenyl,

 $-(CH_2)_n$ -O-phenyl,

-OH,

$$-(CH_2)_n$$

 $-(CH_2)_n$ R^a R^b

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CH₂CH₂ $--$ N $-$

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CH₂CH₂ $--$ O $\left\langle \right\rangle$,

$$-(CH_2)_{\overline{n}},$$

$$-(CH_2)_{\overline$$

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 R^a , R^b , and R^c are independently halogen, $-OC_1$ - C_6 alkyl or hydrogen;

R³ is hydrogen;

R⁴ is methyl, ethyl, or isopropyl; and

X is hydrogen,

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O
$$\parallel$$
 -CH₂-NH-S-CH₂CH₂-phenyl, \parallel O

$$-CH_{2}NHSCH_{2}$$

$$0$$

$$-CH_{2}NHSCH_{2}$$

$$0$$

$$0$$

$$0$$

$$-CH_2-NH-S-CH_2$$

$$-CH_2NHSCH_2$$
, CH₃
, CH₃

-CH₂-S-CH₂CH₂CH₂-phenyl,

$$-CH_2O$$
;

and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

9. A compound in accordance with Claim 1 wherein R^1 is hydrogen and

 R^2 is $-(CH_2)_n$ -indolyl, -(CH₂)_n-NH-phenyl, -(CH₂)_n-O-phenyl, -(CH₂)_n-substituted indolyl, 5 -(CH₂)_n-tetrazolyl, -(CH₂)_n-phenyl, -(CH₂)_n-substituted phenyl, -(CH₂)_n-substituted benzimidazolyl, -(CH₂)_n-benztriazolyl, 10 -(CH₂)_n-indazolyl, -(CH₂)_n-benzimidazolyl, -(CH₂)_n-pyridyl, -(CH₂)_n-naphthyl, or -(CH₂)_n-quinolinyl.

15 10. The compound:

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3-(2-Methyl-3-phenethylcarbamoyl-propionylamino)-4-oxo-5-(2-phenyl-ethanesulfonylamino)-pentanoic acid;

3-(2-Carbamoylmethyl-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-5-(7,7-dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-ylmethanesulfonylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-[3-methyl-2-(phenethylcarbamoyl-methyl)-butyrylamino]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

3-(2-Carbamoylmethyl-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-5-(2-phenyl-ethanesulfonyl-amino)-pentanoic acid;

3-[3-Methyl-2-(phenethylcarbamoyl-methyl)-butyrylamino]-4-oxo-5-(2-phenyl-ethanesulfonylamino)-pentanoic acid;

5-(7,7-Dimethyl-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-[3-methyl-2-(phenethylcarbamoyl-methyl)-butyrylamino]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

		(S,S)-3-{3-Methyl-2-[(3-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-
		butyrylamino}-4-oxo-butyric acid;
		3-{3-Methyl-2-[(3-phenoxy-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-
		butyrylamino}-4-oxo-butyric acid;
5		5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
		ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-{3-methyl-2-[(2-phenoxy-ethylcarbamoyl)-
		methyl]-butyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
		3-[3-Methyl-2-(phenethylcarbamoyl-methyl)-butyrylamino]-4-oxo-
		5-(3-phenyl-propylsulfanyl)-pentanoic acid;
10		5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
		ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-{3-methyl-2-[(methyl-phenethyl-carbamoyl)-
		methyl]-butyrylamino}-4-oxopentanoic acid;
		5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
		ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-{3-methyl-2-[(3-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-
15		methyl]-butyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
		3-{3-Methyl-2-[(3-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-
		butyrylamino}-4-oxo-5-(2-oxo-2H-chromen-6-yloxy)-pentanoic acid;
		5-[3-(1H-Imidazol-2-yl)-naphthalen-2-yloxy]-3-{3-methyl-2-[(3-
		phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-butyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
20		5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
		ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-(2-hydroxycarbamoylmethyl-3-methyl-
		butyrylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
		5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
		ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-(2-{[2-(1H-indol-3-yl)-ethylcarbamoyl]-
25		methyl}-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid; or
		5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
		ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-{3-methyl-2-[[3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-
		propylcarbamoyl]-methyl]-butyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid.
	11.	The compound:
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ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-(2-{[2-(1H-indol-3-yl)-ethylcarbamoyl]-

methyl}-3-methyl-butyryl amino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;

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5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                 ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-(2-{[2-(1H-indol-3-yl)-ethylcarbamoyl]-
                 methyl}-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid:
                        5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-ylmethanesulfonylami
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                 no)-3-(3-methyl-2-{[2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-ethylcarbamoyl]-
                 methyl}-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
                        5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                 ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-(3-methyl-2-{[2-(7-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-
                 ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl}-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
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                        5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                 ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-(2-{[2-(6-fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)-
                 ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl}-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
                        5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-[3-methyl-2-({methyl-[2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-
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                3-yl)-ethyl]-carbamoyl}-methyl)-butyrylamino]-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
                        3-{2-[(2-Benzoimidazol-1-yl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-3-methyl-
                butyrylamino}-5-(7,7-dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                ylmethanesulfonylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
                        5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
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                ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-(3-methyl-2-{[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-
                ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl}-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
                        5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                ylmethanesulfonylamino)-4-oxo-3-{2-[(3-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-
                methyl]-butyrylamino}-pentanoic acid;
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                       5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-(2-{[2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-
                ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl}-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
                       3-(3-Methyl-2-{[2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-ethylcarbamoyl]-
                methyl}-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-butyric acid;
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                       3-[3-Methyl-2-({methyl-[2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-ethyl]-
                carbamoyl}-methyl)-butyrylamino]-4-oxo-butyric acid;
                       3-{2-[(2-Benzoimidazol-1-yl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-3-methyl-
                butyrylamino}-4-oxo-butyric acid;
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5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                 ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-(2-{[3-(4-hydroxy-phenyl)-propylcarbamoyl]-
                 methyl}-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
                        5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                 ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-{3-methyl-2-[(2-pyridin-4-yl-
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                 ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-butyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
                        5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                 ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-{3-methyl-2-[(2-naphthalen-2-yl-
                 ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-butyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
                        5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
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                ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-{3-methyl-2-[(3-pyridin-4-yl-
                propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-butyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
                        5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-{3-methyl-2-[(3-quinolin-2-yl-
                propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-butyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
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                       5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-{3-methyl-2-[(3-naphthalen-2-yl-
                propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-butyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid; or
                       5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-{3-methyl-2-[(3-pyridin-3-yl-
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                propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-butyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid.
         12.
                The compound:
                       5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                lmethanesulfonylamino)-3-{3-methyl-2-[(2-naphthalen-2-yl-
                ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-butyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
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                       5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                lmethanesulfonylamino)-3-(3-methyl-2-{[2-(7-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-
                ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl}-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
                       5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                lmethanesulfonylamino)-3-(2-{[2-(6-fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)-
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                ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl}-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
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3-[3-Methyl-2-({methyl-[2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-ethyl]-
                 carbamoyl}-methyl)-butyrylamino]-4-oxo-butyric acid;
                        3-(3-Methyl-2-{[methyl-(2-phenoxy-ethyl)-carbamoyl]-methyl}-
                 butyrylamino)-4-oxo-butyric acid;
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                        3-(2-{[2-(5,6-Dimethyl-benzoimidazol-1-yl)-ethylcarbamoyl]-
                 methyl}-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-butyric acid, trifluoroacetate salt;
                        5-(7,7-Dimethyl-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-ylmethanesulfonylamino)-
                 3-{3-methyl-2-[(3-phenyl-propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-butyrylamino}-
                 4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
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                        5-(7,7-Dimethyl-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-ylmethanesulfonylamino)-
                 3-(2-{[2-(1H-indol-3-yl)-ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl}-3-methyl-
                 butyrylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
                        5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                 lmethanesulfonylamino)-3-{3-methyl-2-[(3-pyridin-4-yl-
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                 propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-butyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
                        5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                 ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-{3-methyl-2-[(3-quinolin-2-yl-
                 propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-butyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
                        5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                 ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-{3-methyl-2-[(3-naphthalen-1-yl-
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                 propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-butyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
                        5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                 ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-{3-methyl-2-[(3-pyridin-3-yl-
                 propylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-butyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid; or
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                        3-{2-[(2-Benzoimidazol-1-yl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-3-methyl-
                 butyrylamino}-5-(7,7-dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                ylmethanesulfonylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid.
         13.
                The compound:
                       5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-
                ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-(3-methyl-2-{[2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-
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                ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl}-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid;
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5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-{3-methyl-2-[(2-pyridin-4-ylethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-butyrylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid; 3-(2-{[2-(5-Acetyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl}-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-5-(7,7-dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1-5 ylmethanesulfonylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid; 5-(7,7-Dimethyl-2-oxo-bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-1ylmethanesulfonylamino)-3-(3-methyl-2-{[2-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)ethylcarbamoyl]-methyl}-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-pentanoic acid; N⁴-(2-Benzoimidazol-1-yl-ethyl)-N¹-(2-ethoxy-5-oxo-tetrahydro-10 furan-3-yl)-2-isopropyl-succinamide; N^1 -(2-Ethoxy-5-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-yl)- N^4 -[2-(1H-indol-3-yl)ethyl]-2-isopropyl-succinamide; N¹-(2-Ethoxy-5-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-yl)-2-isopropyl-N⁴-[2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-ethyl]-succinamide; 15 N⁴-[2-(5,6-Dichloro-benzoimidazol-1-yl)-ethyl]-N¹-(2-ethoxy-5-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-yl)-2-isopropyl-succinamide; N1-(2-Ethoxy-5-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-yl)-2-isopropyl-N⁴-(2-phenoxy-ethyl)-succinamide; or N^1 -(2-Ethoxy-5-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-yl)-2-isopropyl-20 N⁴-[2-(6-methoxy-1H-indol-3-yl)-ethyl]-succinamide. 14. The compound: N⁴-(2-Benzotriazol-1-yl-ethyl)-N¹-(2-ethoxy-5-oxo-tetrahydrofuran-3-yl)-2-isopropyl-succinamide; 25 N^1 -(2-Ethoxy-5-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-yl)- N^4 -(2-indazol-1-ylethyl)-2-isopropyl-succinamide: N¹-(2-Ethoxy-5-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-yl)-2-isopropyl-N⁴-(2phenylamino-ethyl)-succinamide; N1-(2-Ethoxy-5-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-yl)-N4-[2-(6-fluoro-1H-

indol-3-yl)-ethyl]-2-isopropyl-succinamide;

 N^1 -(2-Ethoxy-5-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-yl)- N^4 -[2-(7-methyl-1Hindol-3-yl)-ethyl]-2-isopropyl-succinamide; N1-(2-ethoxy-5-oxotetrahydro-furan-3-yl)-2-isopropyl-N4-[2-(2methyl-benzoimidazol-1-yl)-ethyl]-succinamide; N^1 -(2-Ethoxy-5-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-yl)-2-isopropyl- N^4 -[3-5 (3,4,5-trimethoxy-phenyl)-propyl]-succinamide; N^1 -(2-Ethoxy-5-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-yl)-2-isopropyl- N^4 -[2-(phenyl)-ethyl]-succinamide; N^1 -(2-Ethoxy-5-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-yl)-2-isopropyl- N^4 -[4-10 (phenyl)-butyl]-succinamide; or N^1 -(2-Ethoxy-5-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-yl)- N^4 -(2-indol-1-ylethyl)-2-isopropyl-succinamide. 15. The compound: N¹-(2-Ethoxy-5-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-yl)-2-isopropyl-N⁴-15 [4-(phenyl)-propyl]-succinamide; N^1 -(2-Ethoxy-5-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-yl)- N^4 -[2-(5-fluoro-1Hindol-3-yl)-ethyl]-2-isopropyl-succinamide: 3-{2-[(2-Benzoimidazol-1-yl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-3-methylbutyrylamino}-4-oxo-butyric acid; 3-(3-Methyl-2-{[2-(1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-ethylcarbamoyl]-20 methyl}-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-butyric acid; 3-(2-{[2-(5-Fluoro-1-methyl-1H-indol-3-yl)-ethylcarbamoyl]methyl}-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-butyric acid; 3-(2-{[2-(5,6-Dichloro-benzoimidazol-1-yl)-ethylcarbamoyl]-25 methyl}-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-butyric acid; 3-(2-{[(2-Benzoimidazol-1-yl-ethyl)-methyl-carbamoyl]-methyl}-3-methyl-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-butyric acid; 3-{2-[(2-Benzotriazol-1-yl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-3-methylbutyrylamino}-4-oxo-butyric acid;

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3-{2-[(2-Indazol-1-yl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-3-methyl-butyrylamino}-4-oxo-butyric acid:

- -108-3-[2-({[2-(5,6-Dimethyl-benzoimidazol-1-yl)-ethyl]methylcarbamoyl}-methyl)-3-methyl-butyrylamino]4-oxo-butyric acid; 3-[2-({[2-(2-Methyl-benzoimidazol-1-yl)-ethyl]methylcarbamoyl}-methyl)-3-methyl-butyrylamino]4-oxo-butyric acid; 5 3-(3-methyl-2-{[3-(3,4,5-trimethoxy-pheny)-propylcarbamoyl]methyl}-butyrylamino)-4-oxo-butyric acid; 3-{3-Methyl-2-[(2-phenoxy-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]butyrylamino}-4-oxo-butyric acid ethyl ester;
- 3-Cyano-3-{3-methyl-2-[(2-phenoxy-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-10 butyrylamino}-propionic acid ethyl ester; or 3-Cyano-3-{3-methyl-2-[(2-phenoxy-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-

butyrylamino}-propionic acid.

- A pharmaceutical composition that comprises a compound of Claim 1. 16.
- A pharmaceutical composition that comprises a compound of Claim 8. 17.
- 15 A method of treating or preventing stroke, the method comprising 18. administration to a patient having, having had, or at risk of having a stroke a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
 - 19. A method of treating or preventing stroke, the method comprising administration to a patient having, having had, or at risk of having a stroke a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 8.
 - 20. A method of treating inflammatory diseases, the method comprising administering to a patient having an inflammatory disease a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
- 21. A method of treating inflammatory diseases, the method comprising 25 administering to a patient having an inflammatory disease a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 8.

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- The method of Claim 20 wherein the inflammatory disease is rheumatoid arthritis or inflammatory bowel disease.
- 23. The method of Claim 21 wherein the inflammatory disease is rheumatoid arthritis or inflammatory bowel disease.
- A method of treating septic shock, the method comprising administering to a patient having septic shock a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
- A method of treating septic shock, the method comprising administering to a patient having septic shock a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 8.
 - 26. A method of treating reperfusion injury, the method comprising administering to a patient having reperfusion injury a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
 - A method of treating reperfusion injury, the method comprising administering to a patient having reperfusion injury a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 8.

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- A method of treating Alzheimer's disease, the method comprising administering to a patient having Alzheimer's disease a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
- 29. A method of treating Alzheimer's disease, the method comprising administering to a patient having Alzheimer's disease a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 8.
 - 30. A method of treating shigellosis, the method comprising administering to a patient having shigellosis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

- A method of treating shigellosis, the method comprising administering to a patient having shigellosis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 8.
- A method of treating multiple sclerosis, the method comprising
 administering to a patient having multiple sclerosis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
 - 33. A method of treating multiple sclerosis, the method comprising administering to a patient having multiple sclerosis a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 8.
- 10 34. A method of inhibiting interleukin-1β converting enzyme, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of interleukin-1β converting enzyme inhibition a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.
- 35. A method of inhibiting interleukin-1β converting enzyme, the method comprising administering to a patient in need of interleukin-1β converting enzyme inhibition a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 8.